

for continuing a program that has served so many so well.

I am pleased to join citizens across New Hampshire in thanking Councilor Burton for his decades of extraordinary service to our State. No one has fought harder for his constituents than Ray Burton. And for generations to come, public officials will look to Ray as a model—striving to match his tremendous energy, his inherent decency, and his extraordinary commitment to strengthening our beloved state.●

REMEMBERING BERNARD WYNDER

● Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I wish to pay tribute to an extraordinary individual, Bernard “Bernie” Wynder, who passed away at the much too young age of 58 this past June while serving as the president of the Allegany County chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, NAACP. Bernie overcame the challenges of a childhood on the streets of East Baltimore and made it his life’s work to mentor young Black men and help them to succeed as students, professionals, husbands, and fathers. Bernie generously gave his time and inimitable leadership to numerous community organizations, including Maryland Salem Children’s Trust, Western Maryland Food Bank, Potomac Council Boy Scouts of America, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Allegany County Multicultural Committee, American Red Cross, and the City of Cumberland Mediation Advisory Council. He also served on the Allegany County Human Relations Commission and as chair of the Friends of the NAACP.

Most recently, Bernie’s loving attention help reignite the local NAACP branch as a powerful voice for social justice in Mountain Maryland. I was privileged to spend time with Bernie on my visits to Allegany County and get to know his love for his community and to be inspired by his passion for social justice.

Bernie was born in Baltimore on January 4, 1955. He graduated in 1974 from Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School, where he served as president of the Student Senate for the Baltimore City School System. He is a 1978 graduate of Frostburg State University and received his master of education from FSU in 1984. Bernie started his professional career in January 1979, accepting the position of admissions counselor & minority recruiter at FSU. He became coordinator of minority recruitment at Slippery Rock University and then returned to FSU in 1982 as associate director of admissions. He served in this role until 1986, when he was promoted to be the director of the Office of Student Human Relations & Minority Affairs. In this capacity, he developed an academic monitoring program which is still in use today. In 1996, Bernie took over the management duties of both the Admissions and Financial Aid Offices at FSU. In 2001, he

moved to the Athletic Department, where he served as the assistant director of athletics and worked with coaches and the Office of Enrollment Services to develop recruitment activities for athletes and to increase their retention and graduation rates. Later, Bernie served as assistant vice president of student services.

Bernie Wynder’s lifetime of service has been recognized and appreciated by others. In 1986, Bernie received the Trio Achiever’s Award for the State of Maryland. He was inducted into Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High School’s Hall of Fame in 1993. He received FSU’s Alumni Achievement Award in 1997 and received the College Admissions Representative of the Year Award given by the College Bound Foundation for service to Baltimore City high school students in 2002. In 2005, Bernie received the NAACP Image Award. In 2010, Bernie was one of three Marylanders honored as a “Living Legend” by the Associated Black Charities for his “profound achievement in higher education.” He is also an alumnus of Leadership Allegany.

Mr. President, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., said, “Everybody can be great . . . because anybody can serve . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” Dr. King could have been describing Bernie Wynder, who devoted his life to service to others. The NAACP and FSU students, faculty, staff, and alumni mourn his death, as do his brothers in Omega Psi Phi to whom he was a mentor and a source of inspiration. His love and concern transformed the lives of so many generations of Frostburg students.

I send my deepest condolences to his wife of 32 years, Robin Vowels Wynder; their son, Bernard “Bear” Wynder Jr.; their daughter, Brandie McIntyre; and the rest of his family. Bernie Wynder was a man of uncommon integrity, wisdom, compassion, and commitment. We will miss his courage and vision and voice.●

REMEMBERING PAUL RALSTIN

● Mr. CRAPO. Madam President, today I wish to honor the life and legacy of an outstanding conservationist, sportsman, and dear friend.

Paul Ralstin’s interest in the outdoors and wildlife conservation began at a young age, when he was an active Boy Scout and Eagle Scout. He grew that appreciation into a strong devotion to advancing conservation efforts as an active Ducks Unlimited volunteer, hunter, and fisherman. A graduate of Capital High School, Paul grew up and lived in Boise. In addition to serving in multiple leadership roles in Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Ducks Unlimited Canada, and Ducks Unlimited de Mexico, Paul was successful in the construction industry as owner of the family construction business, Gem State Builders. Paul also helped develop opportunities for others through serving as a mentor.

Throughout his life, Paul led with a heartfelt exuberance. His wit, friendliness, sense of adventure, and fun-loving spirit will be forever remembered. I have greatly valued his friendship and insight and extend my deep condolences to his wife Jeanne, children, and many friends and family. Paul’s exemplary commitment to improving our natural resources and wildlife habitat will not be forgotten. His enthusiasm and dedication will live on in the many lives he touched throughout his life.●

BUCKSKIN MINE

● Mr. ENZI. Madam President, I rise today with great pride to speak about another Wyoming success story. I am very pleased to have this opportunity to extend our congratulations to the Buckskin Mine, which is located in my home State of Wyoming, for the outstanding record of safety they were able to compile in 2012. The mine’s focus on safety and the great results they were able to achieve speak volumes about the mine and the care and attention they give to safety and to keeping their employees safe at work.

I have often heard it said that successful safety and health programs don’t just “happen.” They take a great deal of time and effort and they result from a teamwork approach that involves everyone from the owner of the mine to the dedicated and hard-working team that works in the mine every day. That means this safety award was earned by everyone at the mine.

It is no secret. Working in a mine is a difficult and dangerous job, and it requires every worker to look out for their own safety as well as their fellow workers’ safety. That kind of diligence, exercised every day, is what helps to ensure that all our workers will make a safe return home at the end of the day to be with their families.

Simply put, that is why the Buckskin Mine is receiving this recognition. Their staff goes the extra mile every day to make sure their mine is as safe as it can possibly be. The culture of workplace safety that is then created helps to keep each of their workers focused on safety throughout the day. The result is this special award.

I have always believed that the best way to lead is by example, and by earning this important recognition they have established a record of safety that other mines will want to emulate. In the end, that is something that will continue to benefit Wyoming and the mining industry all across the Nation.

The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, on which I serve, has focused our attention on this key issue for many years. As a committee, we are well aware of what an impressive record this is, and we hope their record of success will become the norm across the United States. Safe work habits create safe workplaces and low accident rates for all employees which makes our business community, especially our mining

industry, more productive. Good safety records also help to make our businesses more prosperous which is another benefit that comes from putting workplace safety first.

That is why it gives me a great deal of pride to extend these best wishes and words of congratulations to every employee of the Buckskin Mine, its management, and all those who have worked so hard to keep the mine safe. It took a team with a vision to create and put a safety program into effect, and the Buckskin mine team can be very proud of their efforts and the great result they were able to achieve. They have made a difference that will have an impact from their own backyard to every corner of our country that relies on mines and mining.

Now their challenge is to keep up the good work and to keep their excellent safety record going strong. With the hard-working group that makes the Buckskin Mine such a safe workplace, I have every confidence they will continue to serve as an example of what is possible when workers and management work together to keep our workplaces safe.●

TRIBUTE TO STEPHEN N. ADUBATO, SR.

● Mr. MENENDEZ, Madam President, I rise today to honor the extraordinary work of Stephen Adubato, Sr., and the lifetime of contributions he has made to better the lives of Newark, NJ residents. From the 3- and 4-year-olds who attend the preschool program he founded, to the older adults who are cared for at Casa Israel Adult Medical Day Care, thousands of people each and every day are positively touched by the institutions that Mr. Adubato has created.

Mr. Adubato began his own career in education as a history and government teacher in the Newark public schools, where he taught for 15 years. While teaching, he obtained a master's degree in education and completed the coursework for a doctorate in education.

Beginning in 1970, Mr. Adubato built the North Ward Center from a small storefront office on Bloomfield Avenue into the thriving institution it is today. During an era of instability, uncertainty, and transformation in the city, the North Ward Center served as a pillar of stability, offering job training, education, and recreational opportunities to families struggling for survival. Given his strong commitment to education, it is no surprise that one of the first programs created by the North Ward Center was a preschool. Today, the North Ward Child Development Center educates 700 children a year and is one of the largest Abbott preschools in the State.

In 1980, the North Ward Center founded the Newark Business Training Institute, NBTI, which has helped thousands of adults transition from welfare to work and has returned more than \$1

billion into the State's economy. NBTI currently offers English as a second language to ensure recent immigrants have the language skills necessary to find good jobs.

The crowning achievement of Mr. Adubato's lifelong dedication to education is the Robert Treat Academy Charter School, which enrolls 450 students in grades K-8. Founded in 1997 as one of the State's first charter schools, Robert Treat has gained a national reputation for its academic success and was named a Blue Ribbon school in 2008.

In August 2009, Robert Treat opened a second campus in the Central Ward of Newark. It started with a kindergarten and first grade class and will add a grade each year. Between the two campuses, Robert Treat will eventually enroll 675 students.

Mr. Adubato received a doctor of humane letters from Kean University in May 2010. He received the Official Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Italy and was honored by the New Jersey Ballet and the Archdiocese of Newark as the Humanitarian of the Year. Mr. Adubato was also honored by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and National Organization of African-American Administrators. In September 2009, he was honored by Essex County, which named the recreation complex in Branch Brook Park the Stephen N. Adubato, Sr., Sports Complex.

There is no doubt that the lifetime work of Stephen Adubato, Sr., has greatly benefited the people of Newark. His commitment to helping those around him is not only admirable, it is inspiring, and his legacy is sure to have a lasting impact on the city. I join together with all New Jerseyans in thanking him for a career of remarkable contribution.●

RECOGNIZING MICRO 100

● Mr. RISCH, Madam President, sons can learn so much from their fathers. Whether it is changing a tire, throwing a football, or loving a family, the lessons derived from our fathers can have a profound impact on our lives. In 1969, 24-year old Dale Newberry agreed to join his father Jack in a family business selling cutting tools to local machine shops. What began 44 years ago as a two-machine operation based out of a carport of a southern California home is now a \$15 million-a-year business based in Meridian, ID, that employs 110 Idahoans and sells from a catalog of 12,000 carbide cutting tools to more than 600 U.S. distributors and others in 40 countries.

Micro 100 specializes in manufacturing both industry standard and custom carbide tools which are used to manufacture items essential to modern life, including airplane wings, watch parts, telephone receivers, car-door handles, and household appliance components. The strength of these tools makes them virtually unbreakable.

Micro 100 utilizes a proprietary process that increases the toughness of

micrograin carbide material without diminishing its hardness. Carbide is 90 percent tungsten—one of the hardest metals on the planet—but Micro 100 uses machines whose grinding wheels are coated in industrial diamond, the only substance known that will cut tungsten. As a result, carbide tools produced by Micro 100 stay sharp for 10 or 20 times longer than steel.

For years, Micro 100 products have achieved a 99.9 percent customer satisfaction rate from clients engaged in a wide range of metalworking fields, including mold and die making, high-speed cutting, high-precision cutting, high-performance milling of aluminum, plastics, and nonferrous materials, and hard milling. Therefore, it is only fitting that we celebrate this firm's growth and successes, as they have simultaneously helped create jobs in Idaho and enhanced the reputation of American manufacturing in the global community. I am proud to extend my congratulations to Dale Newberry and everyone at Micro 100 for their tremendous efforts and offer my best wishes for their continued success.●

TRIBUTE TO CORY KLUMB

● Mr. TESTER, Madam President, I wish to honor Cory Allen Klumb, a veteran of the U.S. Army and the Army National Guard. Cory, on behalf of all Montanans and all Americans, I stand to say thank you for your service to this Nation. It is my honor to share the story of Cory's service, because no veteran's story should ever go unrecognized. Cory was born in Wisconsin in 1965. He joined the Army in January of 1986 and reached the rank of sergeant when he was discharged in May of 1989. After a few years, Cory decided to use the veterans' education benefits he earned to attend Montana State University, a State he had only visited once before.

In 1999, Cory got a job with the Montana Highway Patrol and decided to enlist in the Montana Army National Guard—10 years to the day after he was discharged from active duty. Cory was a member of the 143rd Military Police Detachment out of Belgrade. In 2003, his unit was deployed to Iraq to assist with Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On April 13, 2004, Cory's convoy was traveling from Baghdad National Airport to their station when they were struck by an improvised explosive device, or I-E-D. Fortunately, no lives were lost in that explosion, but Cory experienced permanent hearing damage. Two months later, the 143rd MP detachment returned to Montana. Cory left the National Guard in 2006 at the rank of staff sergeant.

Today, he is a police sergeant in Bozeman, where he lives with his wife Kelly and his daughter Piper.

Earlier this month, in the presence of Cory's family, it was my honor to present him with his Purple Heart Medal.

This decoration—and the decorations that Cory has already received—are